



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Presentation of "Certificate of Recognition" to the volunteers who participated in Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project, Phase I (EUD)

**MEETING DATE:** December 17, 2003

**PREPARED BY:** Electric Utility Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Mayor present a certificate of recognition to the Coordinator of the Lodi Youth Helping Hands Project.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** On November 14 and 15, 2003, forty-seven (47) youth volunteers from Lodi participated in the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project, Phase I. This event was sponsored by the City of Lodi Electric Utility and funded through the Lodi Public Benefits Program.

The youth received several hours of hands-on training, learning the basics of home energy conservation. They learned how to install door weather-stripping, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, programmable thermostats, and compact fluorescent lamps. In addition, the youth were provided an overview of customer interaction and interpersonal communication skill-building.

Once they had participated in the hands-on training, the youth were then partnered with a fellow student volunteer and one adult supervisor. These "teams" then visited the homes of low-income customers in Lodi. The youth volunteers applied their new skills, installing weather-stripping, low-flow showerheads and the other energy conservation products in these homes. The energy conservation products will reduce energy consumption from five to twenty percent, depending upon the total number of measures implemented.

*Note: a total of 144 Lodi homes/apartments were retrofitted with some or all of the aforementioned energy conservation products on November 14 and 15, 2003.*

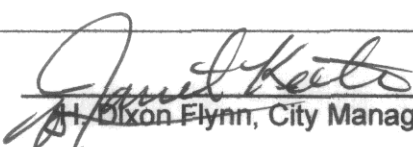
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